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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 84 million eggs during February, down 8 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 63 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,289,000 birds, down less than 1 percent from 4,290,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,958 eggs, compared with 2,121 in 2012.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.19 billion during February 2013, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs, and 962 million hatching eggs, of which 893 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2013 averaged 344 million, up 2 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,088 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2012.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DOWN

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 17.05 million chicks, down 4 percent from last year's 17.79 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2013 totaled 690 million, down 2 percent from February 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 622 million on March 1, 2013, up 2 percent from a year earlier.